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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §1.97**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Applicant hereby supplements the *Information Disclosure Statement* as filed on December 8, 1999. In particular, Attorneys for Applicant hereby direct the Examiner's attention to Reference **B01**, Japanese Patent Application No. JP 8 173799 A, listed on the attached "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited."

Applicant originally filed an English translation of the abstract of the above-identified Japanese patent application, in an *Information Disclosure Statement* dated December 8, 1999. However, applicant has since obtained a copy of an English translation of the full text. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing reference and that the reference be made of record in the file history of the application.

No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made

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The present *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement* is being filed in conjunction with a *Request for Continued Examination* under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and § 1.17(p), no fee is believed due for the filing of this *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement*, since it is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits.

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